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SUBJECT: US-ITALIAN RELATIONS

WHEN THE AMBASSADOR SAW PRIME MINISTER RUMOR JULY 23, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR HIS GOVERNMENT THAT ITALY BE TREATED BY THE UNITED STATES AS ONE OF THE BIG FOUR--ON PAR WITH THE UK, FRANCE AND GERMANY. RUMOR RECOGNIZES THAT THIS IS PURELY A PSYCHOLOGICAL QUESTION BUT ONE HE CONSIDERS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO BRING UP WITH AMBASSADOR ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL CALL. HE SAYS THE ITALIANS SIMPLY CANNOT UNDERSTAND ANYTHING LESS THAN FIRST CLASS TREATMENT AND IT WOULD CAST HIS GOVERNMENT IN A DIFFICULT LIGHT IF THE IMPRESSION GETS AROUND THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CONSIDER THE RUMOR GOVERNMENT AS A VALID FIRST RATE EUROPEAN INTERLOCUTOR. VOLPE

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